Under utilization of funds allocated for disabled persons

732. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly Rs. 198 crores remained unspent from the budgetary outlay for the disabled in the Ninth Five Year Plan under Central schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to utilise allocated resources for the disabled in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the role of the Chief Commissioner for persons with disabilities in implementation of the schemes and over seeing of expenditure; and

(f) whether Government plan for any radical change in the existing set-up?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The utilization of funds is measured as difference in Revised Estimates and actual expenditure. Thus, the unspent amount for disability sector for the IX Plan was Rs.35.07 crores and not Rs.198 crores as reported. Major reasons for non-utilisation of funds were:

(a) State Governments took time to formulate projects and set up mechanism for implementation.

(b) The office of CCD could be set up only by the middle of the XI Plan due to administrative procedure involved in getting required clearances/ approval.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. During the 10th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.194.05 crore and Rs.168.92 crores had been utilized out of an revised budget estimate of Rs192.37 crores and Rs. 186.25 crores allocated for the year 2002-03 and 2003-04, respectively. Full utilization of allocated funds depends on various factor *viz.* the timely submission of inspection reports, recommendations of the State Governments/UT Administrations, receipt of utilization certificates from the non-governmental organizations receiving grants etc.

(e) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD) is a statutory authority having powers under the Persons with Disabilities Act,

1995. The functions and duties of the Chief Commissioner include *inter-alia,* monitoring utilization of funds disbursed by the Central Government.

(f) No, Sir.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC in private sector

733. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had written to Industry associations seeking information on their work force and recruitment policy;

(b) if so, the details of their response;

(c) whether based on the feedback, Government have decided to enforce reservation for SC/ST/OBC in the private sector enterprises;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) According to the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Government has to initiate a National Dialogue with political parties, industry and other organizations to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe youth. Accordingly, 218 organizations of trade and industry have been addressed, out of which, 25 have responded so far. The future course of action depends upon the outcome of this national dialogue.

Disabled persons in Delhi

734. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of disabled persons per lakh of the population has come down in Delhi from 1093 during 1991 to 707 during 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last ten years?